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Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/00-9/30/00)

Dear Mr. Malcolm:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report contains financial activity disclosed on a previous report. Overlapping coverage dates create difficulties in tracking the committee's cash flow. Please amend this report to include only the financial transactions that occurred between 08/17/00 and 09/30/00. (2 U.S.C. §434(b))

-For future reports, please be advised that contributions to other committees or charitable organizations are not operating expenditures. These amounts should be disclosed on Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page and itemized on a separate Schedule B.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nataliya Ioffe", is positioned above the typed name.

Nataliya Ioffe
Reports Analyst
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